

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 754  
By Shepard

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Carney B. Nicks of  
Dickson, Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. Carney B. Nicks; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nicks was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a native of the White Oak Flat community, he and his family moved to Dickson in 1922; and

WHEREAS, a 1933 graduate of Dickson High School, Mr. Nicks furthered his education by studying at David Lipscomb College for two years and then earning his degree from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville in 1940; and

WHEREAS, possessing a dedicated work ethic, he taught school in the Dickson County School System at Old Oakmont School while attending college; and

WHEREAS, devoted to his country, Mr. Nicks proudly served in the United States Navy during World War II; he made landings in North Africa and Sicily as a forward observer, participated in the Normandy invasion on D-Day, and while serving in the Pacific, was a member of the landing party on Okinawa; in 1945, Mr. Nicks was honorably discharged with the rank of Lieutenant Commander and was the recipient of the Bronze Star and the Silver Star; and

WHEREAS, upon returning from his service in the U.S. Navy, Mr. Nicks was elected to two terms as Dickson County Court Clerk, serving from 1946 until 1954; and

WHEREAS, one of the seven organizers and an original director of the Bank of Dickson, Mr. Nicks served with acumen and alacrity as the bank's President from 1958 until 1994; most recently he had served as Chairman of the Board of Directors and Trust Officer for the bank, in

which positions he earned the respect of his colleagues and customers alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nicks had also served on the Board of Directors for the Tennessee Independent Bankers Association, on the Board of Directors of Goodlark Hospital, as past President of the Dickson County Chamber of Commerce, as Secretary to the Dickson Industrial Trust, as former Commander of the Lucien Berry American Legion Post #115, and was a member of the Dickson Electric Power Board for over 26 years, during which time he served as Chairman from 1971 until his retirement in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nicks was an active and devout member of the Walnut Street Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, being deeply devoted to his family, he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nicks enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Jane Reeves Nicks, and was the proud parent of Tommy Nicks and William L. Nicks; the grandfather of Patrick Reeves Nicks, Katherine Ann Nicks, Courtney E. Nicks, and William Reeves Nicks; and the great-grandfather of Elizabeth Jane Nicks; and

WHEREAS, Carney Nicks leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Carney B. Nicks of Dickson, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character, his remarkable careers in finance and public service, and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Nicks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy